

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Roy Chavera, Samantha Blizzard, Peter Myo Khin, Jerold Samet, Faustina Smith-Neil, Fred Stichnoth, Jeffrey Bond, Richard Romer, Fisseha Adugna, Shivonne Laird, Hildegard Sylla Sharon Brown and Jeremiah Pope.

Guests Present: Peter Fosselman, Mensa Adjogah, Brian Anleu, Mara Parker, Vikki Garcia, Councilmember Marc Elrich, Melissa Chotiner, Brook Farquhar, Cristina Sasaki, Carl Morgan, Lt. Joseph Onderko, Lt. John Obrien, Louis Mozzano, Laounodji Mbairadem, Mark Pharaoh, Renee Chen, Len Newman, Shane Pollin, Rob Richardson, Margaret Poore, Dan Wilhelm, Harriet Quinn, Greg Hymel, Craig Wilson, Carol Shivers.

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh.

Approval of the February 1, 2017 Meeting Summary: A motion was made to approve the February 1, 2017 meeting summary and it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentations by Special Guests: On the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan-Parks and Recreation Facilities of the Future: Voice Your Vision-Consolidated Outreach Seeking Public Input. Presenters were Melissa Chotiner, Brook Farquhar, Cristina Sasaki and Carl Morgan. They provided the board a powerpoint presentation on the plan and an outline of their outreach strategies. Their briefing included an overview of the following topics:

- PROS (The right parks and recreation facilities in the right places)
- EPS FMP (A plan for parks in mixed-use and higher density areas)
- CIP (Funding prioritization for long term projects)

Presentation by Special Guest: Montgomery County At-Large Councilmember Marc Elrich, shared information including but not limited to the following topics: an update from County Council legislative activities and discussion on issue of importance to Eastern Montgomery County including economic development, transportation, housing, the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan and immigration Montgomery County's stance regarding current federal immigration policies. Councilmember Elrich concluded his presentation by addressing various comments and questions by ECCAB board members and community attendees. Other issues discussed included the implementation challenges of the White Oak Master Plan relative to creation of real economic development, high paying jobs for area residents, equitable developer contributions under the local area transportation review/mitigation, County/developer land swap and benefits of infrastructure development, including the bus rapid transit system on US 29.

East County Regional Area Director Jewru Bandeh's Update: Regarding March 16, 2017, the scheduled Boards Commissions and Committees meeting with the County Executive in Rockville, and inability of Chair Chavera to attend. This meeting will be attended by ECCAB Vice-Chair Samantha Blizzard, Parliamentarian Jerold Samet and Secretary Faustina Smith-Neil. He also briefly talked about the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Global Food supermarket in Briggs Chaney and the Burtonsville

Enterprise Zone application and announced public hearing on March 16 at 6:30 pm in Burtonsville, a County Council scheduled public hearing on US 29 BRT on March 21 at 7:30 pm and scheduled BRT open house on March 7, 13, 15 (the March 15th session will be held at the White Oak Community Recreation center).

Distribution of Documents for Important Public Hearing/Event Dates by Jewru Bandeh, Director:

All attendees at this captioned meeting were provided hard copies of documents noting important dates, times and locations of upcoming meetings and events in East County.

ECCAB Chairperson Update: ECCAB Chair Roy Chavera reiterated the following important dates:

- March 16, 2017, Public Hearing regarding Burtonsville/Briggs Chaney Enterprise Zone Application
- March 21, 2017, Public Hearing regarding US 29 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) CIP Project County Council. ECCAB Vice-Chair Samantha Blizzard and ECCAB board member Peter Myo Khin will attend this Public Hearing on March 21, 2017.

Motion Passed: ECCAB Board Member Peter Myo Khin made a motion that the board write a letter in support of the County's Burtonsville/Briggs Chaney Enterprise Zone Application. The motion was seconded and passed. The Chair of the ECCAB Planning and Economic Development Committee, Peter Myo Kin will write this letter on behalf of the board.

Motion Passed: ECCAB Board passed an additional motion approving ECCAB board member Richard Romer to testify on behalf of the board at the above-referenced County Council Public Hearing regarding the US 29 BRT, on March 21, 2017.

ECCAB Sub-Committee Chair Planning/Economic Development Update: Peter Myo Khin reminded those in attendance of the upcoming committee meeting on March 6, 2017, at which time representatives of Jesus House, DC will present their preliminary plan under review by the Planning Commission.

ECCAB Sub-Committee Chair Quality of Life Update: Samantha Blizzard briefed the ECCAB on the recent public presentation by the developer regarding proposed affordable senior housing development on the regional Center parking lot.

Report/Update from 3rd and 4th Police Districts: Sgt. John O'Brien and Lt. Joseph Onderko provided general crime statistics regarding thefts from automobiles and residences in their respective districts.

Community Comments: Chair Roy Chavera thanked Montgomery Council staff members Mara Parker, Brian Anleu, and Congressional staffer Vikki Garcia from Representative John Sarbanes' office for ongoing efforts in support of the community.

Adjournment: This meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.